

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

Congratulations on your appointment to Chair the FCC. In your new leadership role, I urge you to support a "PAY AS YOU GO PLAN" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). A tax levy for the USF based on actual consumption plan will keep the USF fair, ensuring that budget-constrained consumers like me do not pay the same amount into the USF as big businesses, regardless of how little I may use long distance.

Under the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering, people like me who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers.

Why be afraid to ask low-volume users and big business alike to pay as you go? Our technology long ago allowed billing systems to extract exact tax levies based on actual consumption from every consumer, why in this technologically-advanced age does anyone propose a "flat fee" plan, except to promote their own self interest of paying less for more usage?

I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt a Pay as you Go Plan. I am not a shill for any phone company, having newly arrived in the US after 14 years overseas I was shocked to find that my land-line service had gone from pay as you go (\$15/month standing charges + fee for every call) to "FLAT RATE HELL" in which "unlimited" service brings me a \$150/month phone bill, and the taxes and access fees from state and local and FCC therein are already enough to make me faint dead away. I'll simply state that I'll be dropping my land line service after I complete the obligatory 1 years' contract due to this "FLAT RATE HELL", and advise that I am certainly not against paying for and being taxed on what I actually consume. But this FLAT RATE HELL HAS TO STOP; the all you can eat buffet for one low price only satisfies the hogs, for the rest of us the Flat Rate USF fee proposed by the FCC is hitting the least able to afford with a disproportionate bill for USF that they can ill afford to pay, just to let the hogs off the hook. Send this FLAT RATE HELL PLAN back to the drawing boards and instruct your staffers to formulate a Pay As You Go Plan. One size or one fee does not fit all, and we have the technology to allocate a USF levy proportionally to exactly what is consumed by each customer, so let's put those fancy computers to good use. Thank you, and best of luck in your new position.

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